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THE MARYLAND JUDICIAL SYSTEM

THE COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge and 6 Appellate Judges

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Chief Judge and 12 Appellate Judges

THE CIRCUIT COURTS

FIRST CIRCUIT
Dorchester
Somerset
Wicomico
Worcester

SECOND CIRCUIT
Caroline
Cecil
Kent
Queen Anne's
Talbot

THIRD CIRCUIT
Baltimore
Harford

FOURTH CIRCUIT
Allegany
Garrett
Washington

FIFTH CIRCUIT
Anne Arundel
Carroll
Howard

SIXTH CIRCUIT
Frederick
Montgomery

SEVENTH CIRCUIT
Calvert
Charles
Prince George's
St. Mary's

EIGHTH CIRCUIT
Baltimore City

THE ORPHANS' COURTS

All political subdivisions except
Harford and Montgomery Counties

THE DISTRICT COURT

CHIEF JUDGE

DISTRICT 1
Baltimore City

DISTRICT 2
Dorchester
Somerset
Wicomico
Worcester

DISTRICT 3
Caroline
Cecil
Kent
Queen Anne's
Talbot

DISTRICT 4
Calvert
Charles
St. Mary's

DISTRICT 5
Prince George's

DISTRICT 6
Montgomery

DISTRICT 7
Anne Arundel

DISTRICT 8
Baltimore

DISTRICT 9
Harford

DISTRICT 10
Carroll
Howard

DISTRICT 11
Frederick
Washington

DISTRICT 12
Allegany
Garrett

7 judges
appointed by the Governor and
confirmed by the Senate
retention election
10-year terms

Court of Appeals

13 judges
appointed by the Governor and
confirmed by the Senate
retention election
10-year term

Court of Special Appeals

153 judges
appointed by the Governor and/or
elected in a contested election
15-year term

Circuit Courts

112 judges
appointed by the Governor
confirmed by Senate
10-year term

District Court

66 elected judges +
Circuit Court judges assigned
in Harford and Montgomery
contested election
4-year term

Orphans' Courts

COURT OF APPEALS

Appellate Judicial Circuit	Sitting Judge
1st Caroline Co. Somerset Co. Cecil Co. Talbot Co. Dorchester Co. Wicomico Co. Kent Co. Worcester Co. Queen Anne's Co.	Hon. Dale R. Cathell
2nd Baltimore Co. Harford Co.	Hon. Alan M. Wilner
3rd Allegany Co. Garrett Co. Carroll Co. Howard Co. Frederick Co. Washington Co.	Hon. Lynne A. Battaglia
4th Prince George's Co.	Hon. Glenn T. Harrell, Jr.
5th Anne Arundel Co. Charles Co. Calvert Co. St. Mary's Co.	Hon. Clayton Greene, Jr.
6th Baltimore City	Hon. Robert M. Bell Chief Judge
7th Montgomery Co.	Hon. Irma S. Raker

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

Appellate Judicial Circuit	Sitting Judge
1st Caroline Co. Somerset Co. Cecil Co. Talbot Co. Dorchester Co. Wicomico Co. Kent Co. Worcester Co. Queen Anne's Co.	Hon. Sally Denison Adkins
2nd Baltimore Co. Harford Co.	Hon. James R. Eyler
3rd Allegany Co. Garrett Co. Carroll Co. Howard Co. Frederick Co. Washington Co.	Hon. J. Frederick Sharer
4th Prince George's Co.	Hon. James Patrick Salmon
5th Anne Arundel Co. Charles Co. Calvert Co. St. Mary's Co.	Hon. Timothy E. Meredith
6th Baltimore City	Hon. Arrie W. Davis
7th Montgomery Co.	Hon. Patrick L. Woodward
At-Large	Hon. Joseph F. Murphy, Jr., Chief Judge Hon. Deborah Sweet Eyler Hon. Ellen Lipton Hollander Hon. James A. Kenney, III Hon. Peter Brunswick Krauser Hon. Mary Ellen Barbera

CIRCUIT COURTS

- 1ST: DORCHESTER, SOMERSET, WICOMICO & WORCESTER COUNTIES**
- 2ND: CAROLINE, CECIL, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S & TALBOT COUNTIES**
- 3RD: BALTIMORE & HARFORD COUNTIES**
- 4TH: ALLEGANY, GARRETT & WASHINGTON COUNTIES**
- 5TH: ANNE ARUNDEL, CARROLL & HOWARD COUNTIES**
- 6TH: FREDERICK & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES**
- 7TH: CALVERT, CHARLES, PRINCE GEORGE'S & ST. MARY'S COUNTIES**
- 8TH: BALTIMORE CITY**

DISTRICT COURT OF MARYLAND

- DISTRICT 1: BALTIMORE CITY**
- DISTRICT 2: DORCHESTER, SOMERSET, WICOMICO & WORCESTER COUNTIES**
- DISTRICT 3: CAROLINE, CECIL, KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S & TALBOT COUNTIES**
- DISTRICT 4: CALVERT, CHARLES & ST. MARY'S COUNTIES**
- DISTRICT 5: PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
- DISTRICT 6: MONTGOMERY COUNTY**
- DISTRICT 7: ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**
- DISTRICT 8: BALTIMORE COUNTY**
- DISTRICT 9: HARFORD COUNTY**
- DISTRICT 10: CARROLL & HOWARD COUNTIES**
- DISTRICT 11: FREDERICK & WASHINGTON COUNTIES**
- DISTRICT 12: ALLEGANY & GARRETT COUNTIES**

ORPHANS' COURTS

ALLEGANY CO.

HOWARD CO.

ANNE ARUNDEL CO.

KENT CO.

BALTIMORE CITY

MONTGOMERY CO. – NONE

BALTIMORE CO.

PRINCE GEORGE'S CO.

CALVERT CO.

QUEEN ANNE'S CO.

CAROLINE CO.

ST. MARY'S CO.

CARROLL CO.

SOMERSET CO.

CECIL CO.

TALBOT CO.

CHARLES CO.

WASHINGTON CO.

DORCHESTER CO.

WICOMICO CO.

FREDERICK CO.

WORCESTER CO.

GARRETT CO.

HARFORD CO. – NONE

TRIAL COURTS

ALL ELSE
and
ALL JURY TRIALS

CIRCUIT COURTS

CIVIL – 1¢ TO \$25,000*
LANDLORD/TENANT
PEACE ORDER
REPLEVIN

*\$10,000 in employee theft/shop-
lifting cases; \$20,000 in LE Title 5
civil penalties and CP Title 12 or
13 forfeiture proceedings

ADMINISTRATION OF
ESTATES
GUARDIANSHIP OF
PERSONS OF MINORS

ORPHANS' COURTS

CRIMINAL –
BOATING OFFENSE
VEHICLE OFFENSE
MISDEMEANOR
ENUMERATED FELONY
(animal cruelty; bad check; credit
card offense; counterfeiting; insur-
ance or workers' comp fraud;
mortgage lending offense; tele-
communication provider fraud;
theft; and (on and after 10/1/05)
intentional physical injury of law
enforcement officer)

DISTRICT COURT

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION

Circuit and Orphans' Courts: guardianship

Circuit and District Courts:

Civil – over \$5,000
 domestic violence protective orders

Criminal – 3 years or more &/or \$2,500 or more
 enumerated felonies (animal cruelty; bad check;
 credit card offense; counterfeiting; insurance or
 workers' comp fraud; mortgaging lending
 offense; telecommunication provider fraud;
 theft; and (after 10/1/05) intentional injury of law
 enforcement officer)
 truancy

APPELLATE COURTS

Exclusive Jurisdiction – death penalty cases
legislative redistricting
removal from certain offices
certification of questions

Certiorari by petition or motion of court to:

Court of Special Appeals as to
direct appeals from a circuit court, an orphans' court or
the Maryland Tax Court and
leave to appeal if granted
circuit court, for uniformity or under other special
circumstances, as to
appeals from the District Court or
appeals from the Motor Vehicle Administration

COURT OF APPEALS

direct appeals from circuit courts and orphans' courts

leave to appeal in limited instances such as probation violation or
guilty pleas

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

de novo – Orphans' Courts
District Court in civil cases (\$5,000 or under) and
in criminal cases

on-record – administrative agencies
District Court in civil cases over \$5,000

CIRCUIT COURTS

ORPHANS' COURTS

3-judge panels, except lawyer-members in certain counties have full powers

DISTRICT COURT

1 judge

CIRCUIT COURTS

1 judge

but

3-judge panels to review sentences or to conduct “poor person’s appeal” of decision of less than entire court

COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS

3-judge panels

en banc

COURT OF APPEALS

en banc

JUDICIAL CONFERENCE

Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, Circuit Courts and District Court

JUDICIAL CABINET

Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals, Chair of the Conference of Circuit Judges, Chief Judge of the District Court, and State Court Administrator

JUDICIAL COUNCIL

Judicial Cabinet, 4 Circuit Court Judges appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, 4 members of the District Judges Committee appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, Chair of the Conference of Circuit Court Clerks, Chief Clerk of the District Court, and 1 circuit court administrator appointed by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals

COMMISSION ON JUDICIAL DISABILITIES

JUDICIAL ETHICS COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE OF CIRCUIT JUDGES

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES COMMITTEE

CONFERENCE OF ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES

STANDING COMMITTEE ON RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

ADDITIONAL STANDING & *AD HOC* COMMITTEES

Bail System Task Force

Committee on Civil Law & Procedure

Committee on Criminal Law & Procedure

Committee on Family Law

Committee on Mental Health, Alcoholism & Addiction

Committee on Public Awareness

Conference of Circuit Court Administrators

Conference of Circuit Court Clerks
Drug Treatment Court Commission
Foster Care Court Improvement Implementation Committee
Joint Committee on Parole Issues
Judicial Compensation Committee
Legislative Committee
Professionalism Commission
Public Trust & Confidence Implementation Committee
Standing Committee on Court Reporting

JUDICIAL INSTITUTE OF MARYLAND

STAFF

CLERK'S OFFICE for each court
[called register of wills for Orphans' Courts]

Clerk of Court of Appeals supervised by that Court

Clerk of Special Court of Appeals supervised by that Court

Clerks of Circuit Courts supervised by the Court of Appeals through the State Court Administrator

District Administrative Clerks of the District Court supervised by the Chief Judge of that Court through the Chief Clerk

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS

including Court Interpreter Program, Family Services Program, Judicial Information Unit, Oversight Committee on the Circuit Court Real Property Record Improvement Fund, and Technology Oversight Board

COURT INFORMATION OFFICE

including *Justice Matters* Editorial Board

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION